



A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN THE 9-1-1 GRANT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 10-4-306, MCA, is amended to read:

"10-4-306. 9-1-1 grants. (1) The department shall, in consultation with the 9-1-1 advisory council created pursuant to 10-4-105, award competitive grants annually using the account established pursuant to 10-4-304(2)(b) for private telecommunications providers and for local and tribal government entities that host public safety answering points. Beginning July 1, 2018, grants must be awarded to private telecommunications providers; or to local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points; ~~or both to all~~ in accordance with this section and with rules adopted by the department in accordance with 10-4-108.

(2) In accordance with subsection (3), grants may be awarded to private telecommunications providers and to local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points for:

- (a) emergency telecommunications systems plans;
 - (b) project feasibility studies or project plans;
 - (c) the implementation, operation, and maintenance of 9-1-1 systems, equipment, devices, and data;
- and
- (d) the purchase of services that support 9-1-1 systems.
- (3) In awarding grants, preference must be given to applications in the following order of priority:
- (a) requests by private telecommunications providers or by local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points by working with a private telecommunications provider; and
 - (b) requests by local or tribal government entities that host public safety answering points.

(4) Nothing in this section prevents a local or tribal government entity that hosts a public safety answering point in accordance with this section from:

- (a) providing grant money received by the local or tribal government entity to a private telecommunications provider for 9-1-1 purposes; or
- (b) collaborating with another local or tribal government entity on a joint grant application."

Section 2. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 14, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2021.

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